

Bristol, Tuesday April 2nd 1846.

My dear Sir,

As Miss Carpenter is about to forward a parcel thro' Chapman to Boston, I think I must take the same opportunity of sending you a few Reports which a friend has furnished me with (Mrs Ames) in which perhaps you may be interested - They are half a dozen annual statements of the Ladies Society for ^{supporting} ~~helping~~ the schools established in the W. Indian Islands, by giving occasional donations to such as most need help. Of course all the schools there are orthodox, and more importance is attached to what our colonial friends call "Christian education" than we should think necessary ~~that is~~ (we should like more general information & less dogmatic theology) but still it is not uninteresting to see ~~the~~ ^{what is} doing. If "conscience" of the little negroes was not the main ^{purpose} object of these schools, they could scarcely have a subscriber. I should like to know more about the general information & capacity of the pupils, than at how many texts of script, hymns & catechisms they can repeat.

My purpose in giving these Reports, ~~at that point~~ ~~has brought them under my notice~~, is the desire of ascertaining what is said of the negro capacity: but these ~~reports~~ annual accounts seem to take ~~it~~ for granted (what I never have disputed from by any West Indians,) that the negroes are no way inferior

to the whites. This point I have thought it right to allude to
in my tract, as well as to the origin of the different races.
Now I hope I may not be sending you what will not be worth the
charge for carriage which the Boston bookseller may best open
the parcel? I could procure you some of the earlier Reports
if you express any wish to have them, — those before mentioned.

Your communication to the Register has not yet reached
me: the packet came in on the 25th the day you predicted.
My tract is being printed: to you it will appear a poor affair, and
an old story, but I have increased numbers for believing it will
meet the wants of people here. I mean to have 1000 copies
printed for gratuitous distribution, as my offering to the Anti Slavery

cause: to one or two quarters I have offered to supply any
number at the moderate sum charged by the printer for any
them, after the first thousand. ~~Mr~~ Elizabeth Pease, without
any knowledge of the merits of the publication, has undertaken
to order 200 copies: perhaps the Glasgow A. S. Socy may like to
have a few. I may perhaps put a nominal price upon
those I have, in case any persons may wish to purchase
the pamphlet. But cheap publications here, excepting when
belonging to a series, do little or nothing towards defraying their
expenses: perhaps I may sell enough to pay for an advertisement
now & then. A young lady here has ^{covered} ~~made~~ a block with paper a
woodcut of a negro & child, which will do very well as an
indication of the subject of the tract.

Since my last I have met with your opponent the "Slave
of Justice & Liberty" You would not think him a very formidable
foe were you to see him: he seems an inoffensive snuffish little
man. I had no private communications ^{with him:} among our Unitarians

ministers he is one of a small minority on the subject of
American Slavery.

It will send another number of the Daily News, with
a third letter on Am. A. S.

With my daughters' kind remembrance, I am, my
dear Sir,

Sincerely Yours.

J. P. Collier

I will try to have some of your late Annual
Report copied into the "Record," the violent Whig
sheet of London papers.

I send for your little ^{first} impression of the wood cuts
I spoke of which has just been sent me as a proof: so
you have the first specimen, & first evidence of my
forth coming brochure.

April 19th Mr. Webb of Dublin has kindly undertaken to
look over my proofs, and being a literary man as well as
a printer, & thoroughly acquainted with all A. S. politics, will
keep me from blundering either typographically, or historically.
He has returned the first proof to day, & says, he considers the treat
as "an excellent A. S. manual for pupils the use of pupils" — a most
favorable opinion, & more accurate description of the intended purpose
of the performance I do not desire.

Miss Carpenter has advised that the two parcels shall be
under one cover to save expense of carriage, and as it will be
addressed to you, that her correspondent should send you
his proportion of carriage.

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Ans. June 1.

Rev. J. L. L. May,

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Massachusetts.